

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification at page 1, after the title and before line 3, please insert the following:

-- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national stage application (under 35 U.S.C. 371) of PCT/EP2004/002096 filed March 3, 2004 which claims benefit to European Patent application 03005181.7 filed March 7, 2003. --

In the specification at page 35, please replace lines 8-12, with the following amended lines:

Npt2_for 5'-AGCAAGGTGAGATGACAGGAGATC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 25)

Npt2_rev 5'CAGACAATCGGCTGCTCTGATG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 26)

AHAS1_frw: 5'-AACAAACAAACATCTTCTTCGATC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 27)

AHAS1_rev: 5'-TAACGAGATTGTAGCTCCG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 28).

In the specification at page 36, please replace Table 1 under line 15, with the following amended Table 1:

StGH1 sense RNA	5'-TGAAGACAGCACAAACTGG-3' (<u>SEQ ID NO: 29</u>)
StGH1 antisense RNA	5'-GTGAAAGTTGAACGCACAC-3' (<u>SEQ ID NO: 30</u>)
StGH2 sense RNA	5'-AGTGCCATAACATGCTTC-3' (<u>SEQ ID NO: 31</u>)
StGH2 antisense RNA	5'-CACATTCAGCTGTTGATGGA-3' (<u>SEQ ID NO: 32</u>)

In the specification at page 36, please replace Table 2 under line 23, with the following amended Table 2:

StGH1
Forward Primer: TCGAGTCGCCACGTAGAACTC (<u>SEQ ID NO: 33</u>)
Reverse primer: GAAATGCGTATGCGACTATGATG (<u>SEQ ID NO: 34</u>)
TaqMan probe: AGTCTCTCGGAGTTCC (<u>SEQ ID NO: 35</u>)
StGH2
Forward primer: GGTGCTGATCCTCCAGTTCTCT (<u>SEQ ID NO: 36</u>)

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Reverse primer: GTCCCTGAAGCATAACCAAGGT (SEQ ID NO: 37)
TaqMan probe: TTCTGCACTACTTAGGCCT (SEQ ID NO: 38)